

4. A combination as set forth in claim 3, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

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7. A combination as set forth in claim 5 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

8. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

9. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

10. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

11. A combination as set forth in claim 2, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

12. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said item of jewelry is a pendant.

13. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

14. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

15. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

16. A combination as set forth in claim 12, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

17. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said surface further comprises at least an additional aperture at either end of said gemstones.

18. A combination as set forth in claim 17, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

19. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

20. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

21. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

22. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

23. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar and said pin comprises a pair of pins, wherein said at least an additional aperture

26. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said gemstone comprises an oval gemstone, said aperture com-

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prises an oval shape, and said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, wherein said apparatus connects a row of said oval gemstones onto the surface of said ring.

27. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stones comprise marquis stones, said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, and said connecting members bear on the ends of said marquis stones to hold said stones in place on said jewelry ring.

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